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FOR SHINN FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WE WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE STATE 178456 AS THE
STUPIDEST CABLE OF THE MONTH. CAN'T YOU GET OTHER
OFFICES TO CLEAR THEIR MESSAGES WITH SOV?

2. RE AUFENKAMP PLANS, WE STICK BY OUR COMMENT THAT
THEY WERE SUB ROSA SO FAR AS EMBASSY WAS CONCERNED.
(WHY WERE NORMAL CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION THROUGH
EMBASSY NOT USED, RATHER THAN DIRECT TELEX TO
GOSPLAN, WHICH VIOLATES ALL COMMUNICATIONS GUIDELINES?)
IF SOV WAS A PARTY TO THIS, WE FIND IT PROFOUNDLY
DISTURBING. FURTHERMORE, WE DO NOT FIND THIS A
ROUTINE, PLANNED WORKING-LEVEL VISIT. IT WAS A PRO-
POSED ADD-ON TO JCM SESSION WHICH HAS BEEN POSTPONED,
AND TO PRESS AT THIS TIME TO ADD IT TO A DIFFERENT
VISIT IS NOT ONLY SENDING WRONG SIGNAL TO SOVIETS,
BUT SEEMS TO US TO VIOLATE POLICY OF REVIEWING WHOLE
AGREEMENT PICTURE BEFORE CONSIDERING ADDITIONAL
ACTIVITIES. THE VERY THOUGHT OF PROPOSING A DIS-
CUSSION OF COOPERATION IN COMPUTER SCIENCE ONLY
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FIVE DAYS AFTER SHCHARANSKIY'S CONVICTION FRANKLY
STRIKES US AS OBSCENE. WE ARE CARRYING OUT OUR
INSTRUCTIONS WITH GREAT DISTASTE, BUT AS YET HAVE
NOT BEEN ABLE TO REACH IMASHVILI, WHO EARLIER
INFORMED US THAT AUFENKAMP'S PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL
DISCUSSIONS COULD NOT BE ACCOMMODATED. MATLOCK

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